

and condemnation of 8½ dozen packages of Lifo gland tablets, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Philadelphia, Pa., consigned by the Lifo Medicine Co., from Columbus, Ohio, alleging that the article had been shipped from Columbus, Ohio, in part on or about April 21, 1927, and in part on or about April 23, 1927, and transported from the State of Ohio into the State of Pennsylvania, and charging misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act as amended. The article was labeled in part as follows: "Lifo Gland Tablets are a pharmaceutical preparation of Glands, Nux, Bland's Mass, Damiana and Zinc Phosphide."

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded, in that the labeling contained statements, designs, and devices regarding the curative or therapeutic effects of the said article which were false and fraudulent, in that the article would not produce the curative or therapeutic effects which purchasers were led to expect by the following statements, designs, and devices, which were applied to the said article with a knowledge of their falsity, for the purpose of defrauding purchasers thereof: "Lifo * * * A nerve, tissue, blood and vitality builder. Pharmaceutical preparation for men and women whose vital organs need toning up * * * For weakness, nervousness, loss of sleep, loss of appetite and also that tired worn-out feeling."

Misbranding was alleged for the further reason that the representation that the product was gland tablets was false and misleading, since it contained ingredients other than glands.

On September 16, 1927, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

W. M. JARDINE, *Secretary of Agriculture*

15583. Misbranding of Agmel. U. S. v. 6 Dozen Cans of Agmel. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 21429. I. S. No. 4661-x. S. No. C-5280.)

On December 3, 1926, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 6 dozen cans of Agmel, remaining in the original unbroken packages at St. Louis, Mo., alleging that the article had been shipped by the Agmel Corporation, Los Angeles, Calif., on or about November 11, 1926, and transported from the State of California into the State of Missouri, and charging misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act. The article was labeled in part: (Can) "Nature's Remedy * * * A powerful tonic * * * For disorders of the kidneys * * * Especially beneficial in the treatment of Bright's disease, diabetes, rheumatism, high blood pressure, indigestion, and other disorders caused by incorrect diet and faulty assimilation. Nature's Remedy for the Stomach, Nerves & Kidneys," (Spanish translation) "For the stomach, nerves and anemia it has no rival. Natural remedy for Albuminuria and the Urinary Tract;" (folder) "Kidney Troubles—Agmel acts for strengthening and upbuilding the kidneys and increasing their ability to filter the blood. It has proved remarkably effective in the relief of the following conditions: Bright's Disease—Nearly every case of Bright's Disease treated has been greatly helped or has completely yielded to Agmel. Use as outlined in general instructions. If the condition is bad, take as much Agmel as the body will stand * * * Too much is not harmful. * * * Bladder Irritation * * * Many Agmel users write that they have been completely relieved of bladder irritation. * * * Prostatitis—Agmel being strongly antiseptic and tending to normalize acid condition of the blood, soothes and relieves inflamed and enlarged conditions of the prostate gland. Take a teaspoonful before each meal and again on retiring until relief is obtained. Stomach Troubles—Agmel is rich in the active yeasts, vitamins and minerals that stimulate and aid digestion and assimilation. In practically every kind of stomach trouble it tends to bring about a normal condition of health. * * * Stomach and Duodenal Ulcers: * * * Agmel in addition to bringing about a normal condition in the stomach and intestines, has decided antiseptic and anti-scorbutic properties which heal irritation and ulcers. Relief has been obtained on the inflamed or diseased condition completely corrected in a large majority of such cases * * * Diabetes—In diabetes the first few days of using Agmel sometimes has a tendency to greatly increase the amount of sugar in the urine. Do not be alarmed at this. The Agmel is driving out of the liver accumulated unoxidized sugar which the overloaded blood stream has been unable to handle. This sugar will soon be

carried off and within a short time the urine should begin to show less and less until it is normal. Take a teaspoonful of Agmel before each meal until relief is obtained. This quantity is usually sufficient. Strict dieting is unnecessary. High Blood Pressure—Take Agmel in the usual way, a teaspoonful before each meal. Practically every case of high blood pressure treated with Agmel has been relieved. Children's Diseases—Agmel is extremely beneficial in disorders of children. * * * It carries the bone and tissue building elements, as well as the tonic iron, so necessary to growing bodies. It is a wonderful food for puny, anaemic and undernourished children. It regulates bowels and kidneys so elimination becomes natural and complete. Bed-wetting is nearly always corrected. * * * In the case of normal, healthy children, Agmel given at least once a day will keep them in good physical and mental condition and greatly increase resistance to all disease. * * * Troubles Peculiar to Women—Agmel has proved to be a very valuable remedial food for regulating and stimulating the functions of female organs and correcting unnatural conditions. It accomplishes these things in a natural way, by building up and strengthening vital organs, nerves and tissues and purifying the blood stream. Painful Menstruation—This condition is largely produced by an anaemic condition, which Agmel corrects. Take a teaspoonful of Agmel before each meal and again before retiring. Usually Agmel is successful in bringing about natural, regular and painless menstruation. Change of Life—Agmel added to the diet during the period known as change of life acts as a regulator and balancer to the disturbed system. * * * Other Ailments—Anaemia—Agmel is unquestionably recommended for this condition, as everything in Agmel is found in the human blood and quickly purifies and enriches it. * * * Goiter—Cases have come to our notice where the use of Agmel has been found to be effective in the relief of goiter, which is, undoubtedly, a food deficiency disease. Agmel relieves this condition by supplying the substances needed to enrich the blood, which are lacking in the average diet. * * * Piles * * * Agmel is antiseptic and healing to diseased and inflamed conditions. Practically all rectal troubles are relieved by Agmel and it is efficacious when used as an external ointment. * * * Rheumatism—Many people who use Agmel claim to have been entirely relieved of rheumatism. Agmel, being alkaline in reaction, tends to counteract acidosis, which is one of the causes of different rheumatic conditions. It restores the body to a condition of health so that neither rheumatism, nor any other disease, can exist. * * * Agmel is becoming generally recognized as an excellent preventive of disease and when kept on hand and used occasionally, tends to keep a healthy person in perfect condition."

Analysis of a sample of the article by this department showed that it consisted of a concentrated plant juice containing approximately 50 per cent sugars.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded, in that the above quoted statements, regarding the curative and therapeutic effects of the said article, were false and fraudulent, since it contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed.

On September 30, 1927, the claimant, the Agmel Corporation, Los Angeles, Calif., having withdrawn its answer, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

W. M. JARDINE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

15584. Misbranding of Agmel. U. S. v. 24 Cartons of Agmel. Decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction entered. (F. & D. No. 21386. I. S. No. 10968-x. S. No. W-2041.)

On November 23, 1926, the United States attorney for the Western District of Washington, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 24 cartons of Agmel, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Seattle, Wash., alleging that the article had been shipped by the Agmel Corporation, from Los Angeles, Calif., October 29, 1926, and transported from the State of California into the State of Washington, and charging misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act as amended. The article was labeled in part: (Can label) "Nature's Remedy * * * A powerful tonic * * * For disorders of the kidneys * * * Especially beneficial in the treatment of Bright's disease, diabetes, rheumatism, high blood pressure, indigestion, and other disorders caused by incorrect diet and faulty assimilation. Nature's Remedy for the Stomach, Nerves & Kidneys," (Spanish translation) "For the